

Tab C – Snapshot of Operational Picture Across Canada

- The “Freedom Convoy 2022” is centered on anti-government sentiments related to the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trucker convoys began their journey earlier this year from various points in the country, and the movement arrived in Ottawa on January 28, 2022. Since, the movement has continued to gain momentum across the country, with protests and blockades spreading in different locations, including at strategic ports of entry (POE), as detailed below.
- Participants of the convoy activities have adopted a number of tactics that are disrupting the peace, impacting the Canadian economy, and feeding a general sense of public unrest – either in favor or against the movement. This has included slow roll activity, slowing down traffic and creating traffic jams, in particular near POEs, as well as reports of protesters bringing children to protest sites to limit the level and types of law enforcement intervention.

Blockades at Port of Entry

- **Ambassador Bridge, Windsor, Ontario:** The busiest crossing along the Canada-United States (US) border has been blocked since February 7, 2022. After an injunction was issued on February 11, law enforcement started to disperse protesters. On February 13, 2022, police enforcement action continued with reports of arrests being made and vehicles towed. As of the evening of February 13, 2022, the Ambassador Bridge has been fully reopened, and no delays at the border crossing are being reported.
- **Emerson, Manitoba:** As of February 13, 2022, vehicles of the blockade remain north of the POE. Some traveler traffic is able to enter Canada, however commercial and other traffic is being rerouted to adjacent POEs. The RCMP continues to let livestock vehicles go through.
- **Coutts, Alberta:** The blockade began on January 29, 2022. As of February 14, 2022, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), who is the police of jurisdiction pursuant to the provincial Police Service Agreement have arrested 11 individuals and seized a cache of weapons and ammunition. Work continues to completely clear the remaining vehicles, clear the blockade and reopen the POE.
- **Vancouver, British Columbia (BC), and Metro area:** On February 12, 2022, several vehicles including a military-style vehicle broke through an RCMP barricade in south Surrey, BC, on their way to the Pacific Highway POE. Protesters force highway closure at Canada-US border in Surrey. There were no delays reported at the Pacific POE on February 13, 2022.
- Other strategic and critical infrastructure continues to be monitored. For example, law enforcement, border services and municipal officials in Fort Erie continue to monitor developments in relation to a planned protest at the Peace Bridge, Ontario’s

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third-busiest commercial border crossing with the US.

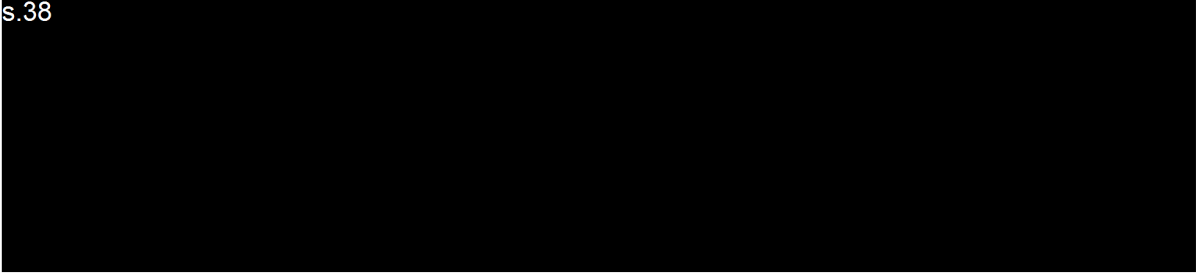
Parliament Hill and Downtown Area, Ottawa, Ontario

- Ottawa has been the subject of protests since January 28, 2022, with fluctuating numbers of participants in the downtown core. Participants have increased during the weekend, with smaller numbers reported on weekdays. As of February 14, 2022, approximately 500 vehicles, most of them commercial trucks, remain park in Ottawa's downtown core. While the demonstrations have been largely peaceful, residents and the Ottawa Police Service have reported hate-motivated incidents. On February 13, 2022, counter protests blocked convoy vehicles on various Ottawa streets.
- On February 13, 2022, the City of Ottawa announced an agreement with a protest leader that could lead to approximately 70 percent of trucks and cars to leave the residential areas of the downtown core over a 24-72 hour period. These vehicles would be relocated on Wellington Street and/or the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway. The letter was subsequently disavowed by the protest leader, and it remains unclear exactly how this will unfold.

Economic Impacts

- Trade between Canada and the US is crucial to the economy and the lives and welfare of every day Canadians and Americans. Approximately 75% of Canadian exports go to the US, generating approximately \$2 billion in imports/exports per day and \$774 billion in total trade between the two countries in 2021.
- Disruptions at POEs have significant impacts on trade with our US partners and the already fragile supply chain, and has resulted in temporary closers of manufacturing sites, job loss, and lost of revenues.
- Threats have also been made to block railway lines, which would result in significant disruptions. Information published by the Railway Association of Canada reveals that Canada's freight rail industry transports more than \$310 billion worth of goods each year on a network that runs from coast to coast. Canada's freight railways serve customers in almost every part of the Canadian economy: from manufacturing to the agricultural, natural resource, wholesale and retail sectors. Freight railways have Canadian operating revenues of more than \$16 billion a year.

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International

- The US has expressed concerns related to the economic impacts of blockades at the borders, as well as possible impacts on violent extremist movements. During a call with President Joe Biden on February 11, 2022, the critical importance of resolving access to the Ambassador Bridge and other POEs as quickly as possible was discussed, given their role as vital bilateral trade corridors, and as essential to the extensive interconnections between our two countries.
- In addition, other protests using convoys have occurred or are planned to occur in other countries such as in Paris, France and Brussels, Belgium.
- As of February 14, 2022, there are no significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference in the protests; however, unspecified amounts of funding raised by the movement through crowdsourcing has originated from US donors.

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